UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE GABRIEL RUIZ-DIAZ, et al., No. C07-1881RSL Plaintiffs. ORDER REGARDING DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. et al., Defendants. This matter comes before the Court on "Defendants' Motion for Continuance of

Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment and Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment." Dkt. # 106. Defendants assert that new arguments and evidence presented in support of plaintiffs' Religious Freedom Restoration Act ("RFRA") claim requires additional discovery under Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(f). Although defendants have requested that the Court continue the cross-motions for summary judgment in their entirety, they have not offered any justification for delaying consideration of plaintiffs' non-RFRA claims.

The Court will consider the pending motions for summary judgment, which were noted on the Court's calendar for December 15, 2008, in the normal course. Defendants' motion for a 56(f) continuance regarding the RFRA claim will be considered along with the underlying papers. Discovery in this matter is not stayed and the parties are encouraged to work together to schedule any necessary depositions during the next few weeks.

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Dated this 21st day of January, 2009.

MMS Casnik

United States District Judge

Robert S. Lasnik

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